he Objectionable Lighthouse

stayed at home for a thouthey are going abroad and melves here and there on the globe and acquiring many from the English, whose gn lands are extremely tak-

ans take a piece of ground by the unwritten law it is miss square. Then they take made of ten square miles more mile copying the English. The insensibly evolves itself into indefinite section of debatable that it be German or Chinese her it be german or control or chinese her it be german or chinese her it be terested except the Eng-

of this sort happened in the of Chao-Chau, the German on the Yellow river. About up the Yellow river is a running out into the river. Ind Stickup point. Nothing, the up there, and the point in the river. On the right of it and running but a spit of land running the river. On the right of it and running the real point which is a there is a big flat rock of the bight which water, but as it is in no-and rather serves as a conless there, calm and undis-

nee upon a time a Chinese is long line of rafts loaded and cement, lost its tow off at and the rafts upset, dumpbricks and cement into the current runs strong there and was nearly twenty-five feet half a cable's length of low-up point. The bricks and cerer, made the water shoula feet at that particular point, de minded at all. The rafts' meant for use at Chao-Chau, germans are fortlined, and as in a great hurry to do the merely sent after new bricks rand let the rafts' loads resolved the property of the river, where the newbody and nobody both-

to the lighthouse. They claimed that it would be a mere temporary affair, but the German occupation isn't designed to be temporary. "Are there any Germans about there?" "Not openly, but they have a way of spearing on at Stickup point. A man haval officer. Lieutenant Stiendhal, with a couple of was taking measurements and the Seahorse immediately at ashore to buy vegetables, there in charge of the boat was signan, as might have been it was Lieutenant Langton. Giver the Seahorse allowed at it. "Can't ask you to stay to luncheon." The Admiral took out his watch and looked at it. "Can't ask you to stay to luncheon." The Admiral took out his watch and looked at it. "Can't ask you to stay to luncheon." It was Lieutenant Langton of the fiver isn't any time to lose in an errand of humanity, such as you are engaged upon. Go up there and blow the bottom out of the river if you can." "I can blow a big hole in the bottom out of the river if you can." "Yes," said the Admiral, setzing a pen and dashing off a line upon a sheet of paper, sealing, addressing it and handing shows that you are five miles from Stickup point." Hyde put his scaled instructions in his

mare to build a lighthouse of Langton to Hyde in the Sashorse. "They say it is some and that a lighthouse of a public utility." utility, you mean," replied thing there will be a Gerstablished there, then a set the factory, and in a re a German colony. That

Langton resumed, "who the soundings and measn Stiendhal, a curly-heada beard—looks like Loopera. I knew him well
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ughters of the American
n Stiendhal was dead gone
Has some brains, Von
back to Chao-Chau tourn for a week." ny, giory!" cried Hyde, slap-

aky Seahorse.

the Seshorse steamed toward Wel-hai-wel, ap-no further interest in 1 Stickup point. 1 Stickup point. 1 Stickup point of about 1 Stickup point of a couple senorse, which was of about at tons, was one of a couple siers built by the admiralty to the admiralty to the admiralty both the admiralty both the admirative lords, who taws something about ships, the had been made over into product the senorse result was to worry everything the base of the senorse result was to worry everything the senors of the se

dircumstances were painfully Hyde and his officers. That the nearing Wei-hai-wel they we will be the state of a vice-admiral and was for hall practice. The Sealed that her comamnder took with Vice-Admiral Harwhen the answering signal and the Seahorse steamed captain of the big cruiser. The bridge, howled through the hold of the seahorse the bridge howled through the following insuiting

of too close to me with that it of yours. I don't want a in me, as you did in the

In me, as you did in the dad allusion referred to a troop-a manocouved like a haystack was perpetually getting in the that size the had, with apaliboration and forethought. In the Senhorse at Hongkong atturally has Seahorse defended in her beak and buried it about deep in the Hoogly However, limpts had an armor belt of set something like nine Inches as, the Senhorse might have her until the day of judgment blue the Senhorse might have her until the day of judgment blue the senhorse might have her until the day of judgment blues the sellowed through as an the Melampas and listenty work save back the soft with is said to turn away wrath, olkewise bellowed through a was infer and the younger son a bincompoon a lumbhead, a was infer and the younger son a bincompoon a lumbhead, a like Miss Nancy, who needed to take care of him etc. etc. I while the Senhorse's launch of the marrow strip of muddy lent water between the little is the big one, and Hyde clampar the Melampas. He greeted with again the Melampas. He greeted with afability and got a cool suply. The Senhorse was with the least the Melampias, so her thought.

room, while the Admiral coolly possessed bimself of the captain's quarters.

"What is doing up the river?" asked admiral Harbord.

"A new lighthouse is to be built at stickup point," answered Hyde. "I was there two days ago."

"What" bawled the Admiral.

Hyde sunvely repeated his remark.
There is always something agreeable in being the bearer of important information, even if it be unpleasant, and dyde realized this.

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"Built by the Germans." he said. "inside of a fortnight. I was up there two weeks ago and heard that a big string of rafts towed by a native funk and loaded with bricks and cement had got up that far and had capsized, and the bricks and cement had got up that far and had capsized, and the original strength of the point. It makes a pretty good foundation for a lighthouse, and the Germans are quietly making surveys with a view to putting up a light, out of pure philanthropy. No recks no eddles, good sandy bottom and eighteen feet of water at low tide."

"It has occurred to me," meekly said Hyde. "that there might be some philanthropy on our side, too. So I camedown to ask your permission to blow up that pile of bricks and cement, which I is consider a danger to navigation, being only eighteen feet of water over it at low water, as I mentioned. It might be dangerous to the native junks and rafts."

For answer the Admiral, an undemonstrative man, leaned across the table and caught Hyde's hand in his and shook it warmly.

"Certainly," he said; "only eighteen feet of water over that obstruction to navigation on Stickup point, as you say, It was hardly necessary for you to come and ask permission for that. How long will it take you to get up there and do the work?"

"About two days," answered Hyde. "When I was there, day before yesterday, the Germans were hauling materials for the lighthouse. They claimed that it would be a mere temporary affair, but the German occupation isn't designed to be temporary."

"Are there any Germans about there?"

"Not openly, but they have a way of

paper, scaling, addressing it and handing it to Hyde. "Open this when your reckoning shows that you are five miles from
Stickup point."

Hyde put his scaled instructions in his
breast pocket, made his obeisances to the
Admiral and went out on deck. Officers
were standing around, but Captain Lord
Edmund Kerr still, like Horatius, held
the bridge, and, megaphone in hand,
watched the Scahorse as she bobbed
and swayed about in the swiftrunning current in the bright light of the
summer morning.

There was no doubt about it, the Scahorse appeared to be a perverse craft,
and in turning seemed uncertain for a
while which way she would come around.
She finally concluded to turn in a way
which brought her unpleasant looking
bow about fifty yards nearer the Melampas which sheered off as a hippopotamus
shies away from an alligator. Finally,
however, the Scaborse, having made upher mind which way she wished to go,
accomplished it and went trotting up the
river at a good galt.

The next morning but one, at daylight, found the Scaborse nearing Stickup
point. Five niles from it Hyde opened
his scaled orders. They read as follows:
"Do as you damn please."

They were signed in due official form
by R. F. K. Harbord, vice-admiral, commanding.

"These are the orders I like," chuckled

Blown Up.

Mesnwhile the Seahorse came tearing up at full speed, and by the time she was anchored two of her boats were out and hovering mysteriously over the spot where fate had deposited the beginning of a foundation for a lighthouse. Langton was in the first boat and haif an hour's quick work did the business. One boat went ashore and landed a dozen saliers, who scattered in all directions giving warning to the natives not to approach within a certain radius of Stickup Point. The boat with its companions scuttled back to the Seahorse, which turned and went down the river a mile. Then, at the firles of a gun, there was a sudden deep rumbiling and the bottom of the river at Stickup Point suddenly rose in the air. A great colmun of water shone like a pillar of cloud in the day. A hovered for a moment, then fell back into the river, which went placidly on its way as if nothing had happened.

As a matter of fact, where there had been eighteen feet of water there was now a hole about forty feet deep and bricks and cement were gone.

Then the Seahorse's bluejackets on shore swung along to a point half a mile down the shore, where they were taken aboard the little cruiser, who then turned her nose downstream.

In the cabin Byce, in the exuberance of his feelings, hugged Langton warmly, "We have done for em," cried Langton, meaning the German's sheme of a ighthouse.

"Then was the same watching. In my orders, they well bear watching. In my orders, when well bear watching. In my orders, they well bear watching. In my orders, they well bear watching. In my orders, they well bear watching. In my orders, we have done for em," cried Langton warmly orders, we have done for em," cried Langton warmly orders, when watching. In my orders, we have done for em," cried Langton warmly orders, we have done for em," cried Langton warmly orders, we have done for em," cried Langton warmly orders, we have done for em," cried Langton were successive to the success of the form watching. In my orders, they were taken and the cabin Byce, t

these, however, was with the last he was presently scated at table. The Melampas had no at the consession of take the executive officer's the captain Lord Edmand to take the executive officer's

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we will come back and see what the ly as her bunkers carried the very best ing. The space of a hundred yards was secundrels are up to."

Hyde was as good as his word and the Seaborse melted into the horizon and was seen no more for cleven days. At the end of nine days news and come from Stickup bended up the river, Hyde, happy and way, like a cheese when the knife is put



Their conference was held, or rather Hyde, in a dulcet voice, gave certain disquised orders to Mr. McGunnigle. Hyde was 32 years old, but his beardless face made him look like a boy of twenty-two. McGunnigle, a tall, raw-boned Scotchman, with a regular kall yard accent, listened meekly. At the end of this confabulation, it being still early in the afternoon, the Schhorse after her wabbly fashlon made for a small pier attached to the warehouse, upon which the sheet from and agricultural implements were unloaded. Immediately an improvised tent of canvas was stretched over the bow of the ship and part of the pier and inside this tent went on some queer dock yard work. A truck lond of pleushshares and axe helves was dumped on the pier and the engine room force of the Scahorse ploughshares and axe helves was dumped on the proceeded to secure onto the bow of the Scahorse ploughshares and axe helves at every point.

It is a difficult thing for an amateur to fasten things onto chilled steel several tools which they heat red hot and have wonderful machinery for working them. At the end of two days tolling, molling and broiling the canvas tent was removed and the Seahorse pulled out into the stream.

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Her appearance was truly grotesque. Her how was as sharp as ever, but she seemed to have been lengthened a couple of feet. The plates at that point did not have the appearance of armor plates at all, but of sections of sheet iron neatly screwed in. The additional weight forward sent the little cruiser down by the head about two feet, so that she appeared to be nessing frantically in the water, while astern hor screw went racing around in the nir. This contingency, around in the nir. This contingency, never changed its direction. The nahowever, seemed to be anticipated bacause she immediately backed up to the plantical proper again and took on enough scrap from to bring her stern on a level with her head. This made her draw a foot more water. Nevertheless, she could still do second to the shore shricking in advance for the catastroph that was con-

forging ahead and the low line of the coast was coming nearer by jumps. Yes, there in the purple dusk of the evening shining high over the straggling hust that lined the hight of the bay, was a light in a square building, stuck out in the stream about forty yards. The light was not the scientific heandescent light of modern days, but a small, steady, fixed light, which came from a couple of hig kerosene lamps. Occasionally a shadow passed before the glass and a quarter of a mile away Hyde, through a strong glass, discerned that these two dark figures evidently were not Chinamen, but Europeans. The Scahorse, without slackening speed, turned into the small, deep bay. As if in derision of the kerosene lamps, she turned a great searchlight full upon the lighthouse. It made the men within the glass top of the tower suddenly fall prope on their faces to cover their eyes. The Scahorse, now well in the little bay, was making straight for the small light.

Hyde remained on the bridge white there.

"Stand by to lower that launch."

Langion took the deck and gave the order:

"Stand by to lower that launch."

One of the men lying flat on his face in the lighthouse wore the uniform of a German officer. He was a brave fellow, but the bravest man is helpless in the full glare of a searchlight. He cannot open his eyes, for if he does he would be blinded. If he opened them he could see nothing, for the fearful and demoniac glare of the white light blotted out all obe.

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steamed for it as fast as, she could full the commander and his executive officer were enjoying a ten-course done with the first man was explained by the fact that there were enjoying a ten-course dinuer was explained by the fact that two lamps were upset and one had caught fire. The inrush of water prevented a furious blaze, but the first was creeping about wherever the oil was spinshed. The launch as if prepared for this catastrophe, produced a fire hose which it immediately began to play on the fire, incidentally drenching the two men, who already were as wet as a couple of water rais.

Langton, who was in the launch hauled them aboard. The first man was an ordinary sailor, the other was an officer in the German naval uniform. As he was dragged into the launch he steedled himself, found his feet and stood rigidly at "attention," bringing his hand to his head, upon which there was no cap, and bowed stiffly.

'I am Lieutenant Count von Stiendhal's hand, it he said, 'of the imperial German navy."

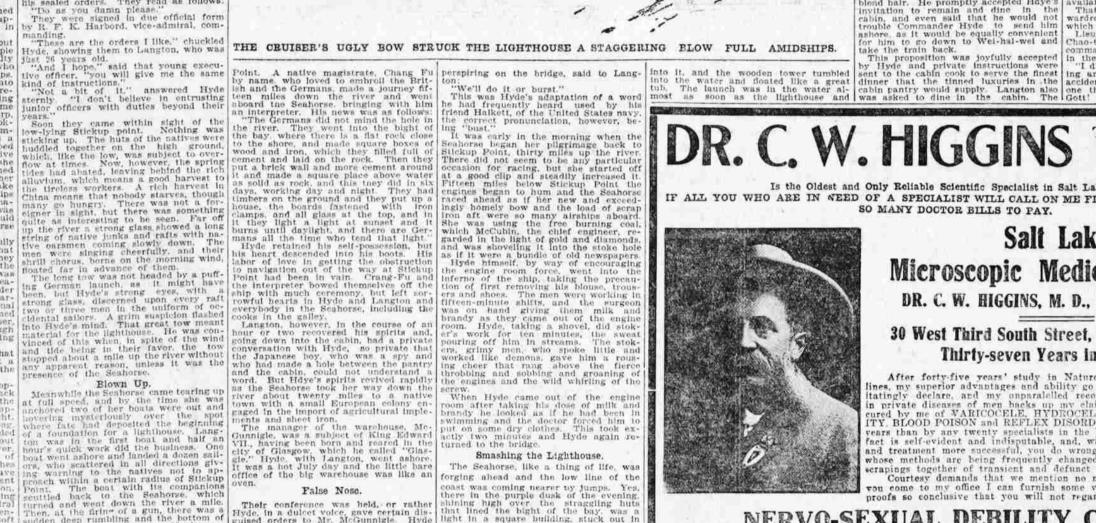
'Glad to see you," said Langton, warmly grasping Von Stiendhal's hand, it recollect meeting you last year at Kiel. Don't you recollect?

Lengton, however, went on, the men in the launch meanwhile industriously attaching a big hawser to the men in the launch meanwhile industriously attaching a big hawser to the men in the launch meanwhile industriously attaching a big hawser to the men in the launch meanwhile industriously attaching a big hawser to the men in the launch meanwhile industriously attaching a big hawser to the men in the launch meanwhile industriously attaching a big hawser to the men in the launch meanwhile industriously attaching a big hawser to the men in the launch meanwhile industriously attaching a big hawser to the men in the launch meanwhile industriously attaching a big hawser to the men in the launch meanwhile industriously attaching a big hawser to the men in the launch meanwhile industriously attaching a big hawser to the men in the launch meanwhile industriously attaching a big hawser to the m

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